Non-Participation of Countries in IITF

759. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several major countries decided against participating in the 14th India International Trade Fair. inaugurated on the 14th November, 1994; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such countries and the reasons for the non-participation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Despite the so called plague scare, the 14th India International Trade Fair held during 14th to 27th November, 1994, continued to be highly popular for overseas visitors with series of business delegation from about 24 countries. In the International Sector as many as 130 companies took part from 19 countries. However, giving the plague situation in India as a reason, three countries viz. Taiwan, Romania and Kenya withdraw participation.

Export of Tyres

760. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the total quantity of tyres exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years, country-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) Export of Automobile-Tyres & Tubes (including flaps) both in quantity and value during the last three years are as follows :—

Year	Quantity (In '000 Nos.)	Value (Rs. in Crores)
1991-92	2110.0	202.1
1992-93	6872.0	495.5
1993-94	5347.0	606.2

Export figures in respect of major countries are as follows :—

Sl. No.	Major Impotrting Country	(Rs./Crores)		
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1	Afghanistan	21.4	103.9	78.3
2	Bangladesh	25.6	37.6	45.4
3	Egypt	10.5	19.9	16.5
4	Hong Kong	3.0	7.6	1.4

1	2	3	4	5
5	Nigeria	14.1	18.9	13.7
6	Singapore	10.8	55.9	57.8
7	Sri Lanka	3.4	5.3	17.8
8	U.A.E.	7.0	12 6	37.6
9	U.S.A.	74.9	151.2	187.7
10	Vietnam S.R.	..	5.3	19.0

Source : Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.

Indo-US Trade Panel

761. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to activate the Indo-US trade panel; and

(b) if so, what are the details of different fields to be covered thereunder ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) During the visit of the Prime Minister to USA in May 1994 it was agreed, inter-alia, that the Indo-US Joint Commission should be revived and meeting of the Indo-US Sub-Commission on economy and commerce be convened early next year. A Working Group on Trade exists under this Sub-Commission. This issue has been discussed at various levels thereafter for finalising the work programme of the Sub-Commission.

Trade Corridor between Malaysia and India

762. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Malaysia has proposed a trade corridor with India for better trade promotion :

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether similar arrangements will also be extended to SAARC countries ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Demand for opening International Border with Myanmar and China

763. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demand for opening the international borders with Myanmar and China for trade and transit was repeated at the thirty seventh meeting of the North-Eastern Council by the seven member States; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export House Status to Corporations

764. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have granted the Export House Status to